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Aruba Central Bank issues King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima commemorative coin



ORANJESTAD — In honor of the visit of the Royal Couple November 20 and 21, the Aruba Central Bank issued a commemorative 5 florin silver coin. On one side of the coin depict the faces of HM King Willem-Alexander and HM Queen Maxima, and on the reverse side the Aruban Coat of Arms with the inscription "Bishita Real Aruba 2013 - Royal Visit 2013".

The coin is available at the cash register of Aruba Central bank, situated at J.E. Irausquin Boulevard 8. Offices are open from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. and

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The coins are minted in silver, with a diameter of 38 mm, weighing 25 grams. It is in the denomination of 5 florins (\$2.85 U.S.) but the purchase price is AFIs. 135.00. (\$77.14)

During their visit to the Board of the Aruba Central Bank, the Royal Couple received a coin. An explanation behind its issue was presented by Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman

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World powers, Iran clinch 'historic' nuclear deal

GENEVA (AFP) - Photo at right depicts Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif (2nd L) shaking hands with US Secretary of State John Kerry next to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (far L) and French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius (far R) after a statement on early yesterday in Geneva. World powers on November 24 agreed a landmark deal with Iran halting parts of its nuclear program in what US President Barack Obama called "an important first step."

According to details of the accord agreed in Geneva provided by the White House, Iran has committed to halt uranium enrichment above purities of five percent.

The deal was reached in marathon talks in Geneva that ended yesterday before dawn after long tractions between Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany.

Tehran's arch-foe Israel slammed the deal as a "historic mistake" that left open the capability for the Islamic republic to develop a nuclear arsenal.

But the six powers involved hailed it as a key first step that for now warded off the prospect of military escalation -- a geopolitical breakthrough that would have been unthinkable only months ago.

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Everybody loves a lover!



Grechen and Gary and her special Aruba reminder charm

PALM BEACH -- Some men may balk at the idea of an

open, public declaration of love and appreciation for their wife of 15 years, but Gary Ballegarde of Turner, Maine, won the hearts and applause of his audience this past Saturday evening. Gary and his wife, Gretchen, honeymooned on Aruba 15 years ago and have been returning every years since to celebrate their anniversary, as well as other times of the year.

"From our first time in Aruba, it has felt like a second home to us," explained Gary, "so we always like to mark that special day every year in the place where we honeymooned."

This year, unfortunately, they were unable to come in October as they usually do, because their darling daughter Eliza, eleven-years-old, is very involved in school sports and was tied up with some championship field hockey events.

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The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co. grows global portfolio with the opening of its newest luxury resort in Aruba



MIAMI — After much anticipation, last week The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C. introduces its sixth luxury resort in the exclusive Caribbean & Mexico portfolio with the opening of The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba. Situated on the island's pristine Palm Beach, the eagerly anticipated oceanfront hotel officially welcomed its first guests while ushering in a

new level of luxury travel experiences to the beautiful island nation.

"We are thrilled to bring The Ritz-Carlton brand to Aruba, a unique island paradise in the Caribbean known for its beautiful sun-kissed beaches, arid landscape and diverse cultural heritage which can be found no place else."

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A warm welcome back for Mr. JW "Bill" Marriott to Aruba



Mr. Marriott and the Marriott Aruba Vacation Club team

PALM BEACH - On Thursday November 21, 2013 the Aruba Marriott welcomed Mr. JW "Bill" Marriott, Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Marriott International, back to the Aruba Marriott. Mr. Marriott visited the three Aruba Marriott resorts for a walk through to see all the new developments since his last visit in 2012 and to greet the associates.

Together with Complex General Manager Tom Calame, Mr. Marriott officiated a ribbon cutting ceremony of the resort's \$1.5 million renovated Grand Ballroom, where he received a warm welcome by hundreds of Aruba Marriott associates.

"We are excited that Mr. Marriott was able to visit our resorts and to thank our associates. They are the ones who make it all happen for our guests", said Complex General Manager Tom Calame.

Mr. Marriott was accompanied by Ron Harrison, Global Officer for Marriott's Architecture and Construction, Kathleen Matthews, Executive Vice President and Chief Communications & Public Relations Affairs Officer, Craig Smith, President Marriott International - Caribbean and Latin America and Andrew Houghton, Area Vice President of Operations - Caribbean, Argentina, Chile and Brazil.



Mr. Marriott together with GM Tom Calame, Mr. Craig Smith, Mr. Andrew Houghton and Mr. Ron Harrison during the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Grand Ballroom



Mr. Marriott greeting the Aruba Marriott associates in the Ballroom foyer

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Living with Financial Stress



ORANJESTAD -- Reportedly, most of the questions for help at the Department of Social Affairs (DAS) are related to the education of children. In this vein DAS has decided to pub-

lish a series of articles. These articles are related to the topics of family life and the education of children. It appears that the education of children is the primary concern.

Having a family is a wonderful experience. But this can bring about a lot of tiredness and stress. What gives one person stress may be different from another person or family. Stress makes it difficult for people to reflect well and/or react well on the education of children.

Financial preoccupation is



one of the biggest causes of stress in a family. A parent's financial worries can influence the life of the children greatly. Much depends on how the parent deals with stress. Stress can cause a person to feel guilty or incompetent, or even be afraid to fail. If a parent does not feel worthy this can have negative effects on the education of the children. It is important for the parent to have a personal sense of worth so they can teach the children to value themselves.

Financial stress can cause a person to take certain measures either consciously or unconsciously that could have dire consequences on their financial situation. For example, a parent with financial problems can go on a shopping spree and spend money on unnecessary things to forget his problems. The debts only get bigger because they spent money on things not needed.

Parents who consciously or unconsciously share their financial preoccupation with their children are putting enormous pressure on the children. The children begin to feel that the financial problem of the parent is their responsibility as well. This becomes a very heavy burden for the child and can affect their concentration and performance at school, not to mention their emotional state.

Sergio Velasquez wins Gold, pays courtesy visit to Minister Schwengle

ORANJESTAD -- Sergio is still another athlete who put Aruba's name high on the map with his recent gold medal win in the Kendo sport. The Kendo Latin American championship took place in Medellin, Colombia. Aruba was represented by 9 athletes who competed against 14 countries. Aruba competed in the children's category, youth women and men's category, adult masculine and feminine category and in the masters.



young anymore, to continue practice sports and aspire to reach an international level.

Sergio says that martial arts from Japan and Korea have a lot of sports in it which ends with "Do" which means "the way." Kendo means the way of the sword. Judo is the smooth way, flexible. "Do" is a life, a way of life. It is an aspect of sports because you can compete, yet if one goes deeper it is something you cannot stop doing. In the case of Kendo we accumulate a lot of energy, we cry out but release it in a controlled form. After the body gives off a signal to the brain with endorphins that it is time to relax, according to Velasquez.

"Congratulations, Sergio and thanks for supporting Aruba so proudly," remarked the Minister.

Sergio is no longer a young athlete, but his age does not prevent him from competing at a high level internationally, the mandatory continued saying. He expressed the hope that Sergio can be an example for other athletes who are not so

Minister Schwengle was very pleased with Sergio's visit and wished him much success in his future endeavors.

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The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co...

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"Our Ritz-Carlton customers have long awaited this luxury property and we are confident The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba will help to put this destination on the map for luxury travelers and further enhance the memorable travel experiences available for guests from around the world," said Herve Humler, president and chief operating officer for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C.

The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba's 320 stylish guestrooms, including 55 suites, all boast private balconies with sweeping views of the Caribbean Sea and design elements that blends the island's relaxed aesthetic with incomparable Ritz-Carlton character. Two Ritz-Carlton suites deliver panoramic oceanfront views with outdoor showers, while the expansive Club Lounge sits atop the building on the seventh floor with 34 rooms and an endless array of cuisine, beverages and personal service throughout the day to a backdrop of Aruba's extraordinary seascape framed by floor to ceiling glass windows.

For an unrivaled retreat of relaxation and pampering, The Ritz-Carlton Spa will be the largest on the island revealing a 15,000 square foot tranquil oasis complemented by 13 intimate treatment rooms, salon, boutique and a variety of naturally-influenced indigenous services.

The hotel's culinary offerings display a selection of four savory fine dining experiences that reflect Aruba's oceanfront backdrop coupled with authen-

tic dishes and rich flavors. Madero Argentinian Grill features an assortment of specialty cocktails, light bites and poolside seating overlooking the Caribbean Sea. Solanio offers an all-day trattoria with outdoor terrace seating or dramatic open-air kitchen views. Les Crustaces pays homage to impeccably prepared seafood in a fine dining setting, while hand-crafted cocktails and flavorful small bites are presented at Divi Bar & Lounge, the resort's lobby lounge bar named for Aruba's wind swept Divi Divi trees unique to Oranjestad and the island.

The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba introduces exceptional meeting, corporate retreat, and special event space with a selection of indoor and outdoor venues, including a 7,500 square foot ballroom divisible into three salons, three meeting rooms and a selection of outdoor locations, including poolside decks, manicured lawns and a beachside reception area. The beach resort also features a 24-hour 15,000 square foot vibrant casino in an island paradise paired with an assortment of casino games ranging from traditional table favorites to over 300 slot machines.

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Everybody loves a lover!

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On their anniversary, October 17, Gary took Gretchen out for dinner, and gifted her with a gold bangle adorned with a charm of a shining sun, "to remind her of Aruba, and that we would be there again, soon."

The Bellgardes returned to Aruba as soon as they could for two weeks in mid-November, but Gary still wished to honor the tradition of celebrating their nuptials on the island. Since nearly their first visit, they have maintained a close relationship with Francis Ridderstap, the activities director at the Tamarijn Resort, where they always stay. Five years ago, for their tenth anniversary, he surprised them with a vase imprinted with their wedding photo, and this year, he was eager to make their belated observance equally memorable. Gary and Francis corresponded via e-mail, exchanging ideas of how to surprise Gretchen.

Francis finally recruited the marketing manager of Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall in Palm Beach, Candy Rasmijn, in the plot. Candy enthusiastically agreed to allotting a time between a special cultural show they presented on Saturday night, and their daily 8:30 Waltzing Waters show for Gary to pour his heart out to Gretchen, witnessed by all the audience gathered for the nightly display.

Many an eye sparkled with tears at his heartfelt declaration of love and appreciation for "15 wonderful years with the most special person I have ever known," and Eliza joined him in expressing "I love you Mom, Happy Anniversary," followed by a group hug and kiss.

Gretchen was caught totally by surprise. "I can't believe this. We hadn't had dinner yet and I wanted to return to the resort, as I was getting pretty hungry. I really didn't want to stay for the show, but they pleaded! I cannot express how happy I am we did. Not only was this moment so moving...but the show was



Gretchen and Gary with their daughter Eliza



All present share this special moment with the Bellgardes



The Bellgardes with Francis Ridderstap and Candy Rasmijn

pretty good too. I will always remember this night."

The Bellgardes are heading home today, but they are doing so with an additional reminder of Aruba. They take home with them a stray cat they found on the Tamarijn grounds, that Eliza insisted on naming Chester.

"I was going to name it "Aruba" commented Gretchen, "but Eliza is determined he is a Chester. It doesn't matter, as we are happy to welcome this little bit of Aruba into our home, and he will remind us of happy times on island every day."

Living with Financial Stress

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The parent is responsible for the financial situation of the family as well as the emotional stability of the children.

If the financial preoccupation is too heavy a burden, here are a few tips that can be implemented:

• Speak to a person or institution about your financial preoccupation

- Make a budget to try and see if you can reduce your expenses and/or debts

- Make priorities for yourself as parent and for your family

- Do family activities that do not cost much money

- Eat healthy. Proteins and vitamins help combat stress

- Don't allow financial stress dominate your atmosphere at home

For questions about this topic or guidance related to family life and the education of children, please call the Department of Social Affairs at Tel. 582-3145, Caya Mario E Harms 11 (Lagoenweg) Oranjestad.



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World powers, Iran clinch 'historic' nuclear deal

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"Today, the United States together with our close allies and partners took an important first step toward a comprehensive solution that addresses our concerns with the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear programme," US President Barack Obama said in Washington.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said the deal "could turn out to be the beginnings of a historic agreement" for the Middle East.

Tehran boasted at home that the accord recognised its "right" to enrich uranium -- which it says is for peaceful purposes -- but Western leaders said the deal made no such reference.

Under the deal, Tehran will limit uranium enrichment -- the area that raises most suspicions over Iran's alleged nuclear weapons drive -- to low levels that can only be used for civilian energy purposes.

It will neutralise its stockpile of uranium enriched to higher 20-percent purity -- very close to weapons-grade -- within six months, US Secretary of State John Kerry said in Geneva after clinching the deal.

Iran will not add to its stockpile of low-enriched uranium, nor install more centrifuges or commission the Arak heavy-water reactor, which could produce plutonium fissile material.

UN atomic inspectors will also have additional, "unprecedented" access, Kerry said, including daily site inspections at the two enrichment facilities of Fordo and Natanz.

In exchange, the Islamic republic will receive some \$7 billion (5.2 billion euros) in sanctions relief and the powers promised to impose no new embargo measures for six



AFP photo shows, (L to R) EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton (2nd L) being embraced by US Secretary of State John Kerry next to British Foreign Secretary William Hague (far L) and French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius (far R) after the historic deal.

months if Tehran sticks to the accord.

But the vast raft of international sanctions that have badly hobbled the Iranian economy will remain untouched.

US Secretary of State John Kerry declared in London yesterday that the hard work starts now on Iran, hours after world powers clinched a breakthrough interim deal on Tehran's controversial nuclear program.

"Now the really hard part begins, and that is the effort to get the comprehensive agreement, which will require enormous steps in terms of verification, transparency, and accountability," he said at a joint press conference with British Foreign Secretary William Hague in London.

Both Kerry and Hague attended the Geneva talks before heading to London for their bilateral meeting.

Kerry vowed "to work together" with America's allies, saying "we'll start today, literally, to continue the efforts out of Geneva and to press forward."

He also said that US Presi-

dent Barack Obama "could not be more grateful" for the support of British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Cameron later said in a statement that the deal moved Iran "further away from getting a nuclear weapon" and called it "an important first step".

"We will continue to enforce sanctions robustly in order to secure a comprehensive and final settlement that fully addresses the real and substantive concerns of the international community," he said in a statement issued by his Downing Street office.

"Today's deal with Iran demonstrates how persistent diplomacy and tough sanctions can together help us to advance our national interest," he added.

The British minister praised the agreement as "a good deal for the Middle East and for the world".

Hague earlier told the BBC that the deal did not refer to Tehran's "right to enrich" uranium, but added that a final agreement could allow "limited" enrichment for peaceful purposes.

N.American moviegoers devour 'Hunger Games' sequel

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" took in \$161.1 million at the North American box office this weekend in one of the biggest movie debuts ever, industry estimates showed yesterday.

Starring Oscar-winner Jennifer Lawrence, the second installment in the blockbuster series is anticipated to have the fourth best start ever in the United States, Exhibitor Relations said.

Second place went to "Thor: The Dark World," the latest movie based on Marvel's iconic comic book character, which took in \$14.1 million in its third weekend, for a total of \$167.9 million so far.

Romantic Christmas comedy "The Best Man Holiday," a sequel 15 years in the making to "The Best Man" in which old college friends rekindle old romances and rivalries, took in \$12.5 million for third place.

The fourth spot went to "Delivery Man," which had a disappointing opening of just \$8.2

million. The comedy stars veteran funnyman Vince Vaughn as sperm donor who discovers he has sired 533 children.

Animated "Free Birds," in fifth place, earned \$5.3 million, while sixth place went to "Last Vegas," starring Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline on a seniors' bachelor party to Sin City. It earned \$4.4 million.

Screwball comedy "Bad Grandpa" was seventh with \$3.4 million in ticket sales, while eighth place went to "Gravity," starring Oscar-winners Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as astronauts adrift in space, with \$3.3 million.

In ninth place was early Oscar contender "12 Years a Slave," with \$2.8 million.

"Dallas Buyers Club" -- starring Matthew McConaughey, about a rodeo cowboy diagnosed with AIDS in the mid 1980s, the epidemic's deadliest days -- rounded out the top 10 with \$2.8 million in ticket sales.



PALO -- AFP photo shows a woman carrying her baby amid debris of destroyed houses in Palo, Leyte province, central Philippines. The number of people dead or missing after one of the world's strongest typhoons struck the Philippines climbed towards 7,000 on Saturday, as the United Nations warned much more needed to be done to help desperate survivors. Experts say it will cost billions of dollars and take years to revive communities that were destroyed when Super Typhoon Haiyan swept in from the Pacific Ocean more than a fortnight ago.

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Thousands flee as Indonesia volcano erupts eight times

JAKARTA (AFP) - A volcano in western Indonesia has erupted eight times in just a few hours, "raining down rocks" over a large area and forcing thousands to flee their homes, officials said yesterday.

Mount Sinabung has been erupting on and off since September, but went into overdrive late Saturday and early yesterday, repeatedly spewing out red-hot ash and rocks up to eight kilometres (five miles) into the air.

Several thousand people left their homes overnight, taking the total number of those who have fled since the volcano rumbled to life to around 12,300, said the national disaster agency.

"People panicked last night as the eruption was accompanied by a loud thunderous sound and vibrations. Then it started raining down rocks," said local government official Robert Peranginan-gin.

"They ran helter-skelter out of their homes and cried for help."

He added there were no

known casualties from the latest eruptions.

The volcanology agency raised the alert level for the volcano, on the northern tip of Sumatra island, to the highest point on a four-stage scale, meaning a hazardous eruption is imminent or under way.

National disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said the government was calling for people living within five kilometres (3.1 miles) of the volcano to leave their homes.

Sinabung, one of dozens of active volcanoes in Indonesia which straddles major tectonic fault lines known as the "Ring of Fire", erupted in September for the first time since 2010.

In August five people were killed and hundreds evacuated when a volcano on a tiny island in East Nusa Tenggara province erupted.

The country's most active volcano, Mount Merapi in central Java, killed more than 350 people in a series of violent eruptions in 2010.

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Rescuers comb Latvia supermarket rubble for more victims

RIGA (AFP) - Latvian investigators tried yesterday to narrow down the cause of a Riga supermarket cave-in that killed at least 54 people, as rescuers combed the rubble for more victims.

Pending the official probe's results, an independent foreign-based expert widely quoted by the media in the Baltic state said "design flaws" were to blame for Thursday's collapse.

With investigators keeping mum about what they think the causes might be, speculation in the media has focused on whether a rooftop garden and playground put a strain on the structure.

President Andris Berzins demanded a swift and thorough investigation of what he said Saturday was the "mass murder of defenceless people".

As Latvian officials combed the site for forensic

evidence for their own report to be used in potential criminal trials, structural engineer Toomas Kaljas, CEO and chief engineer at Rak Tek Solutions in Espoo, Finland, insisted structural flaws were to blame.

In an independent report compiled from photographic evidence, Kaljas said: "It is obvious that the primary cause for collapse is the steel truss bolted tension connection. Steel truss, is made out of two pieces, which are assembled on site using bolted connections. The bottom chord tension connection is at least two times under-designed."

"The quantity and sizes of bolts are not sufficient for a massive steel beam section," his report states. "It's a design flaw that comes from ignorance," Kaljas told AFP. "It was clear when I saw the first pictures. I immediately realised it is a truss connection problem (...) and

when I saw the pictures of the third section collapsing yesterday it really proved the case."

The search for more bodies at the site was delayed yesterday morning over safety concerns after a third section of roof crashed down late Saturday threatening workers and inspectors.

Officials decided to re-launch the search yesterday afternoon using controlled demolitions to bring down dangling pieces of the roof.

Emergency medical services chief Armands Plorins said yesterday the chances of finding anyone alive were "practically speaking, zero."

Police said yesterday that seven of 13 people who had earlier been reported missing remain unaccounted for.

Flags across the country were flown with a black sash of mourning and three minutes of silence are planned for today.



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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our



concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas, 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Cas Animal Cont'd

A great happy ending for the puppy "Ritzy"



Photos at left: Beverly and her new companion Ritzy; right: Ritzy has miles of green to run and play

ORANJESTAD -- Cas Animal Foundation of Aruba is dedicated to rescuing dogs off island streets. No matter how badly injured or weaken by disease, founder Kristen Arndt

has discovered hundreds of times over that with proper medical care they can be rehabilitated to be a wonderful companion to a loving person. This is why she has made construct-

ing Aruba's first strictly no-kill animal shelter on Aruba her mission in life. She dedicates all her time and has consigned all her assets to this goal.

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Frenzy as charity sells Beckhams' clothes for typhoon relief

LONDON (AFP) - Queues formed around the block outside a London charity shop this past weekend after Victoria and David Beckham donated 20 boxes of clothes and shoes to raise money for victims of the Philippines typhoon.

Designer shoes and suits belonging to the Spice Girls singer turned fashion designer and her football icon husband were on sale at the British Red Cross shop in the wealthy Chelsea neighbourhood for as little as £100 (120 euros, \$160) each, a fraction of their original price.

Buyers arrived at the shop up to two hours before it opened in the hope of getting a bargain, even if most of Victoria Beckham's clothes will be too small for the average woman.

"We're going to close early because we'll be sold out -- everything has gone really quickly," Red Cross spokeswoman Laura Hinks told AFP.

"The clothes were priced very reasonably. David and

Victoria wanted everyone to have an opportunity to buy something."

They included a pair of Victoria's striking cow print boots and denim and snakeskin cowboy boots with her name picked out in gemstones.

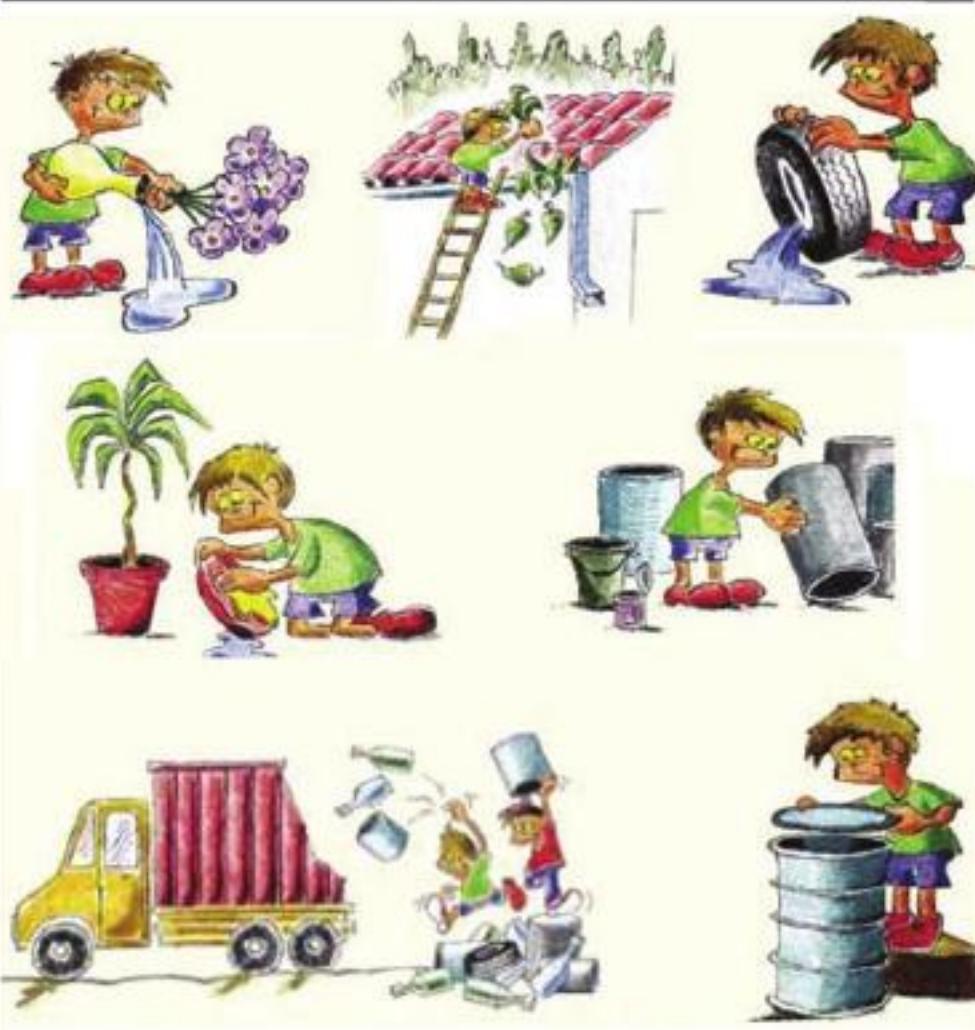
A similar mass donation by Victoria Beckham to a cancer campaign in 2010 raised almost £7,000, but there were no immediate figures for Friday's sale.

Hinks said the famous couple had set an example: "They're really hoping this encourages other people to go to their local British Red Cross shop and donate clothes."

The window display featured a white suit and black shirt belonging to the former England captain.

There was also a sign reading: "Customers are limited to one VB or DB item only."

Inside, five shelves were stacked with Victoria's shoes and a rail of David's jumpers on sale for £35 each.

Let's Be Dengue Free**More surgery for Indian baby with swollen head**

(FILES) Indian infant Roona Begum rests while surrounded by relatives in Jirania, on August 2, 2013

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Doctors said recently they plan to carry out more surgery on a two-year-old Indian girl to correct a rare disorder that caused her head to balloon to twice its normal size.

Roona Begum, whose plight won international sympathy, has battled through a string of complex, life-saving surgeries which saw doctors drain fluid from her head and dramatically reduce the size of her skull.

After reviewing the baby's response to treatment, the neurosurgery team plans to "go ahead with the next round of procedures to further remodel her skull," the medical research institute which is treating her said in a statement.

The surgery is likely to take place this week, the Fortis Memorial Research Institute in Gurgaon, a satellite city of Indian capital New Delhi, said.

"The five surgeries we performed earlier have not only

helped the child survive a potentially fatal condition but also enabled her to attain improved nutritional status," said neurosurgery director Sandeep Vaishya.

"This will be the first step in the next round of treatment for the child. We are monitoring her condition and will proceed with the surgery once we get a go-ahead from her attending paediatrician," he added.

Roona, who lives in a village in the remote northeastern state of Tripura and whose parents are impoverished labourers, was born with hydrocephalus, a potentially fatal condition that causes cerebrospinal fluid to build up on the brain.

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flusher. Turn around and take a look at your poop, which speaks volumes about your gut and overall health. Poop should be smooth and S-shaped, like your colon. If it comes out too lumpy, or drops into the bowl like marbles, you're constipated. Increase your fiber and water intake.

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Foods with bright, rich colors are packed with flavonoids and carotenoids, powerful compounds that bind the damaging free radicals in your body, lowering inflammation. (Sadly, skittles do not count.) Eat nine fistfuls of colorful fruits and vegetables each day and you'll reap the benefits without having to give up other foods.

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Loud US reaction to in-flight phone proposal



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The complaints started getting loud almost immediately after US regulators said they were considering allowing cell phone use on airplanes.

In petitions, on social media and in press releases, the grumbling began within hours after the Federal Com-

munications Commission said the question would be discussed at a December 12 meeting.

The Association of Flight Attendants said it firmly opposed a rule change, citing "the importance of maintaining a calm cabin environment."

"Any situation that is loud, divisive, and possibly disruptive is not only unwelcome but also unsafe," said the union statement.

"In far too many operational scenarios, passengers making phone calls could extend beyond a mere nuisance, creating negative effects on aviation safety and security that are great and far too risky."

More than 1,000 people added their names within a day to an online petition to the White House asking to block any rule change.

"During flights, passengers are forced into a restricted space, often for long periods of time," the petition stated.

"Forcing them to listen to the inane, loud, private, personal conversations of a stranger is perhaps the worst idea the FCC has come up with to date. This would make an already cranky, uncomfortable travel experience exponentially worse... Just because we CAN use our phones at 30,000 feet doesn't mean that we SHOULD be able to."

Fred Somers of Buffalo, New York, tweeted, "The airplane is one of the last save havens from obnoxious phone etiquette. They're everywhere else! No phones on planes!"

Ron Charles of Bethesda, Maryland, meanwhile quipped in a tweet: "Hoping the FCC also lifts that old ban against throwing cell phone users from the plane."

An online survey by the news site MarketWatch found 83 percent opposed

calling on planes, while only six percent favored it.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler on Friday moved to clarify that his agency was only reviewing technical considerations, and would not be in a position of telling airlines they need to allow phone usage.

An FCC fact sheet said the December meeting will consider "whether advances in technology no longer warrant -- on a technological basis -- the prohibition of in-flight mobile phone use."

"This is purely a technical decision; it would leave airlines free to develop any in-flight phone usage policy they may wish," the fact sheet

Japan, US chipmakers in joint MRAM development: report

TOKYO (AFP) - More than 20 Japanese and US chipmakers will jointly develop technology to mass-produce a next-generation semiconductor using MRAM (magnetoresistive random access memory), the business daily Nikkei reported Sunday.

US chip giant Micron Technology and Tokyo Electron of Japan will lead the joint project, hoping to perfect the technology within three years and start mass production as early as 2018, the newspaper said without citing sources.

MRAM is touted as the next frontier for computing memory over the current standard, DRAM (dynamic

random access memory).

The technology under development will have a memory capacity 10 times that of DRAM and reduce its electricity draw to about two-thirds that of the existing standard, Nikkei said.

According to MRAM's backers, the real-world benefits would include much faster computing times and lower power consumption, leading to longer-lasting batteries.

Japan's Toshiba and SK Hynix of South Korea are jointly developing MRAM in a separate project while South Korea's Samsung Electronics is doing its own research on the new chip, the report said.

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Gazprom launches South Stream construction in Serbia



SERBIA, Sajkas -- AFP photo shows construction workers welding together two giant pipes near the village of Sajkas, 80 kilometers north of Serbian capital Belgrade on November 24, 2013. Construction began yesterday on the Serbian stretch of Russia's South Stream pipeline which will bring Russian gas directly to Europe, making it less vulnerable to price disputes. Gazprom signed a deal with Serbia in October 2012 to construct the 421-kilometer (261-mile) long stretch of the pipeline, worth some 1.9 billion euros (\$2.57 billion). The works are planned to be completed within two years, with the first gas shipments expected to flow in early 2016

Jaguar Land Rover to build \$500 million plant in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Jaguar Land Rover plans to build a \$500 million manufacturing plant in Brazil, the *O Globo* newspaper reported yesterday.

The daily wrote that the Rio de Janeiro factory will be the company's second production facility outside Britain, in addition to one in China. It also has an assembly plant in India.

The new plant will have the capacity to build some 50,000 vehicles per year, and is expected to generate around 1,000 jobs.

O Globo reported that Jaguar Land Rover hopes to take advantage of rising consumer demand in Brazil, where the middle class is growing and where incomes have been on the rise.

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Sweden	SEK	25.91	26.63	27.60
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Foreign brands still minnows in Japanese car market

TOKYO (AFP) - Spotting a foreign car on Japanese streets is a rare sight -- save for the odd luxury brand like Ferrari or Jaguar -- a point underscored at the Tokyo Motor Show this week.

It was the third time major US automakers including General Motors and Ford have skipped the show, which is held every two years and which kicked off Wednesday.

Critics say their puny presence gives them little incentive to spend time and money trying to crack the world's third-largest car market.

While Japanese brands such as Toyota and Nissan enjoy huge success in China and the US, the world's top two car markets, overseas names that also include Renault, Peugeot-Citroen and their South Korean rivals accounted for just 4.5 percent of the 5.37 million vehicles sold in Japan last year.

Some critics pin the imbalance on non-tariff barriers they say effectively shut foreign automakers out of the market -- a key issue in ongoing free-trade talks.

Others counter that most overseas brands offer few models and have failed to come up with cars that Japanese drivers want to buy. Among the exceptions are Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Volkswagen and Volvo but even their sales are a small fraction of the market.

Light vehicles known as "kei" cars which have small engines of 660 cc or less account for about one-third of sales in Japan, a category almost non-existent among US and European manufacturers.

Frederic Bourene, head of Japanese marketing for France's Renault, chalked up the challenge to the dominance of Japan's domestic manufacturers with their well-established supply chains and thousands of dealerships.

"The Japanese market is highly competitive," Bourene told AFP on the sidelines of the motor show.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer



"There are eight domestic manufacturers that already have plants here and don't need to import with the logistical issues and time that goes with that."

Renault, which owns more than 40 percent of Nissan, has doubled its sales in Japan over the past four years, but it still expects to sell just 3,600 vehicles in 2013.

"Between the logistics costs and the exchange rate, foreign brands are about 20 percent more expensive than Japanese cars in the same range," Bourene added.

Still, foreign automakers have long complained that Japanese authorities erect huge barriers to entry into the lucrative market. Those walls include requiring firms to change the headlights on Japan-bound cars or install extra and costly electronics, they say.

"We often have to add equipment to get approval for our models," said Tomohiko Yoshioka, an executive at Peugeot-Citroen's Japanese unit.

That is a key hurdle in trade talks between the European Union and Japan as well as separate negotiations involving Tokyo and Washington, which is leading the charge for the mooted Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The proposed trade pact's dozen members account for about 40 percent of the world's economy.

General Motors, which last year was overtaken by Toyota as the world's biggest automaker, has just 34 dealerships in Japan for its Cadillac and Chevrolet brands -- and sold only around 1,000 cars there last year -- against 4,700 locations for its Japanese rival.

"Anything that can help bridge the gap between Japanese and international regulations would be welcome, including through the TPP," said

George Hansen, a spokesman for GM's Japan unit.

Ford boss Alan Mulally has been more blunt, accusing Tokyo of manipulating the yen's sharp decline over the past year to gain another trade advantage.

The United Auto Workers union has called Japan "the most closed automotive market in the world", while the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association said earlier this year that it backed free-trade agreements (FTA) which are "balanced and provide real opportunities for export".

"We still have some reservations about an FTA with Japan," it said.

German carmakers and Sweden's Volvo have done better in Japan, accounting for about three-quarters of the foreign cars sold in the country.

Volkswagen, the world's third-biggest producer whose brands fall squarely in the economy to mid-range, expects to sell 60,000 vehicles in Japan this year.

"Japanese consumers do not like taking risks and they want to feel confident in the brand they're buying," the company said.

"We're working on our image with well-known Japanese celebrities to improve our connection with consumers."

Satoshi Hoshikawa, a spokesman for BMW, said the firm sold 40,000 cars in Japan last year because "we constantly change our models to meet customer needs" with a range of models including diesel and hybrid offerings -- a nod to the country's drivers who tend to expect fuel-efficient wheels.

But Volkswagen's presence in the key market comes at a big cost, said one competitor.

"They sell at a loss."



AFGHANISTAN, Kabul : An Afghan man throws firewood in Kabul on November 24, 2013. Over a third of Afghans are living in abject poverty, as those in power are more concerned about addressing their vested interests rather than the basic needs of the population, a UN report said.

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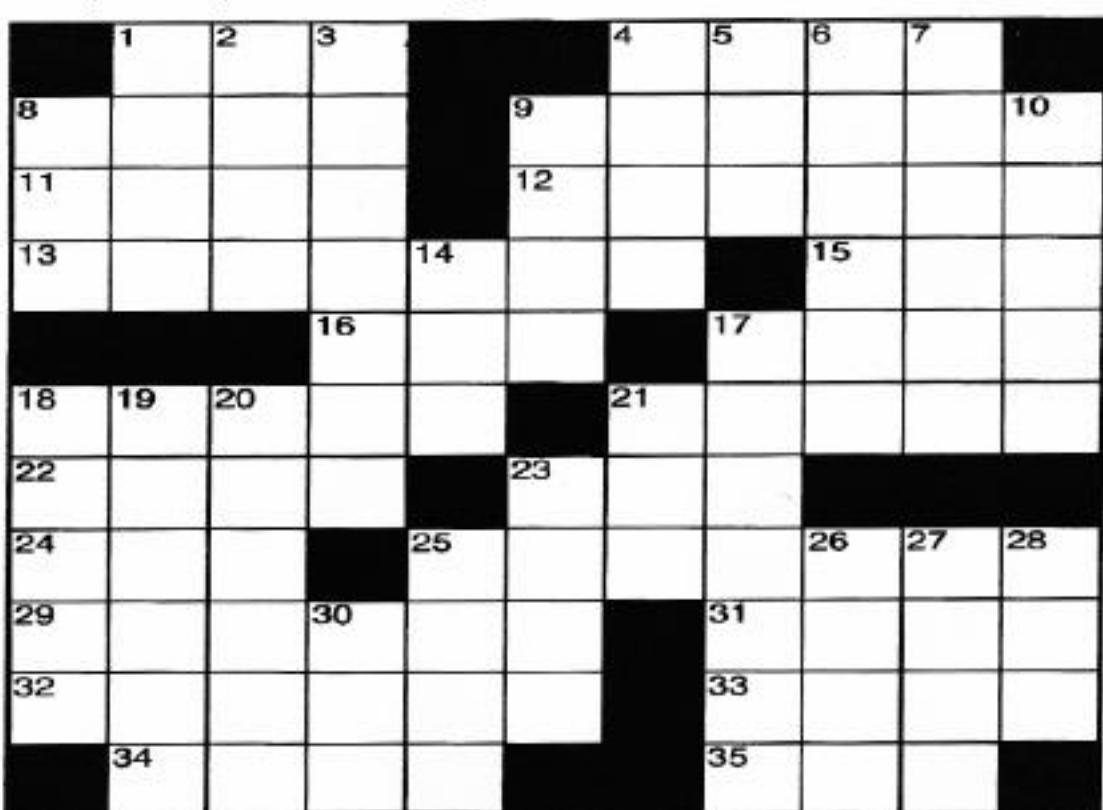
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Cas Animal Cont'd...

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Rescuer Kathy with Ritzy in her new home

The ultimate aim of Cas Animal is to see these abandoned and abused animals placed into a good home, and 2012 and 2013 have been highly successful in this regard. The latest two adopted puppies journeyed to Boston, where they were placed in loving environments.

We have recounted the story of "Pachy" who went back to the U.S. with vacationer Susan Cabana and now answers to "Lola" in her happy new home. The other foundling was named "Ritzy," because it was the employees and manager at the offices occupied by the Ritz-Carlton prior to opening that called Cas Animal for help. They found a young puppy with a bad limp, seeking shelter just outside their premises. Concerned it was injured by a car, they called Kirsten for assistance. A trip to the vet revealed it was an old break that had not healed properly at the top of the bone, and a simple surgery repaired the damage.

Ritzy was escorted to the U.S. by a team of visiting Cas Animal angels, Susan Swanson, Kathleen and Aaron, who vacation on the island at the ABC annually, and have facilitated U.S. adoptions before. They are dedicated dog lovers, and have a network of like-minded friends and family. Last year, they placed two Aruban dogs with Susan's sister Deb. This year, Deb's neighbor, Beverly Shaheen of Mendon, Mass, eagerly agreed to adopt Ritzy.

"We are so happy to have all our Aruban adoptees so close, so we get to see them and give them lots of love all the time," writes Susan. "Beverly is crazy about her new baby. She lives on 150 acres of property, so she and Ritzy have beautiful long walks together every day. Bev just lost her mother this past summer, so Ritzy is bringing her a lot of joy and comfort."

"Ritzy loves to look out the glass slider doors on the deck

at the birds, squirrels, cranes and other beautiful wild life. She of course has a lot of new toys to play with and she also enjoys the company of Beverly's nieces and their families who visit often and are also madly in love with her! She definitely is the new princess on the block!!!"

Kirsten Arndt has converted her home into a temporary sanctuary and presently cares for around 50 dogs she has rescued. She always has puppies and older dogs in need of a good home. Whether they are adopted or not, she continues to care for and love them, despite lost limbs from accidents, or a missing eye, they have a happy life and the companionship they crave. She is working diligently to build her dream facility, which can accommodate up to 250 dogs.

Anyone who may be interested in adopting can, even if you are not an island resident. Call Kirsten at 742-8732 and she will help you through the process of acquiring the papers and a carrier needed to take home one of our sweet, affectionate cunucu dogs, who make excellent watch dogs, too. As this story demonstrates, this is done regularly and many happy owners find great pleasure in being reminded every day of Aruba by the loving new members of their households.

The medical and feeding costs of the more than 50 dogs now in her care is never ending. Those wishing to support Kirsten's work with donations can do so in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics, call: 587-0917, or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382. Donations can be made directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. Kirsten maintains an animal ambulance, so also call her to report a dog in distress.

Acqua Condominium Aruba announces that construction has been progressing at a brisk pace.

The East Tower, overlooking Palm Beach boasts 208 condos, spread over 14 floors. The two top building floors embrace 16 penthouse apartments with majestic views. The building is simply awaiting the windows and a few finishing touches, to conclude construction, very possibly by the end of this year. Following the completion of the elegant club house, the tropical landscaped pool and the spacious parking lots, the condos will be delivered to their proud new owners. Ground has been cleared for the North Tower, which will follow as soon as the East Tower is completed.

A spokesperson for Acqua Condo Aruba reports that the project is receiving tremendous attention, particularly for the winter months. Snow-birds longing to reside in a vacation home on Aruba are now able to visualize this dream coming true, in a manner that leaves them utterly care free when not in residence.

Making the decision to purchase and acting on it quickly, was recently made even more imperative. In November of 2010, the island government of Aruba reiterated its commitment to a building moratorium for the next 10 years, making Acqua Condominium a truly unique investment opportunity, as it is the one and only high-rise condo project, on property land, in the island's most-desired location.

In view of the moratorium news, and the project's lucrative position, developers were compelled to discontinue the pre-construction discounts. Nevertheless, other purchase incentives have introduced. Special discount offers in effect at present are:

Pay 30% down payment and get 10% discount, 50% down payment, get 15% discount, pay in full for a 25% discount. Prices start at \$ 296,800 for a 2-bedroom/2 bathroom apartment. Paying cash will allow the buyer to obtain this very same unit for only \$ 222,600 - remarkable savings!

Other incentives include the possibility of a time-share trade in. Ownership in any of a number of time-share projects may be factored in as a bargaining chip, with certain restrictions. The opportunity to profit from your purchase is also available to buyers when they place their unit in a rental pool, with a guaranteed 6-months income for the first year.



If the image of Aqua Condominium tugs at your heart-strings, you are invited to visit the sales gallery and the two elegant model-suites available for viewing, fully finished with luxurious touches and high-end amenities.

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Vettel ends season on record high in Brazil



SAO PAULO (AFP) - A relentless Sebastian Vettel completed the 2013 Formula One season on a record-breaking high on Sunday when he led Mark Webber home in a commanding Red Bull one-two at a dramatic and emotional Brazilian Grand Prix.

For the 26-year-old German, it was his ninth successive victory since the Hungarian Grand Prix at the end of July, his 13th of the season and the 39th of his career.

This meant he extended his own record of consecutive wins in a season, equalled Italian Alberto Ascari's historic record of nine straight wins from 1952-1953 and also equalled Michael Schumacher's total for one season, set with Ferrari in 2004.

Many fans may have hoped that four-time champion Vettel would slow down and allow Webber, 37, to finish his career with a 10th vic-

tory, but instead he maintained his brilliant unbeaten run to come home 10.452 seconds clear of his Australian team-mate.

"I am actually quite sad the season is coming to an end," said the remarkable Vettel. "The car has been phenomenal and has been getting better in every race."

"And thanks, too, to Mark... We didn't have the best of relationships, but we have always had a lot of respect for each other and we have been a very successful pairing for the team."

Webber defied his emotions with a show of mature dignity in the closing laps.

Two-time champion Fernando Alonso took third for Ferrari as the Italian team did their best, but failed to snatch second place in the championship from Mercedes.

Alonso had already claimed second in the drivers' title race behind Vettel.

China's Feng fires 66 to win LPGA Titleholders

NAPLES (AFP) - China's Feng Shanshan fired a bogey-free six-under par 66 on Sunday to win the season-ending \$2 million LPGA Titleholders tournament by one stroke and capture her third career tour crown and the LPGA's biggest top prize of \$700,000 with a 72-hole total of 15-under par 273.

"I never thought I was going to win even though I was only two behind," Feng said. "All the people in the last two groups were strong competitors."

"I set a goal to finish 15-under par and that's what I was able to do. I'm really happy I'm at 15-under and I finally won."

Feng, who became the first woman from China to win a major title when she captured last year's LPGA Championship, took her second triumph of the season, having also won last month's Reignwood Classic near Beijing.

Germany's Sandra Gal was fourth on 276 with South Korean Park In-Bee fifth on 277 and Korean Yoo Sun-Young sharing sixth on 278 with Americans Cristie Kerr and Stacy Lewis.

Dutch league results

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Vitesse Arnhem 3
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Whole families, including children and the elderly, packed into Tacloban's main sports stadium -- which served as a major evacuation centre during the storm -- to watch the clash.

Spirits were high despite the grim evidence of the storm's destruction -- the damp seats, the stadium's ruined ceiling -- that, more than two weeks on, still surrounded them.

The crowd proudly sang their national anthem as it was played in Macau, then cheered their hero on wildly through the fight.

The celebration began in the last round as Pacquiao's victory became obvious, with the stadium filling with jubilant cheers and laughter.

Battered nation needed a Pacquiao victory

Rainier Panquinco, 29, who lost his home in the storm, said: "It's a super good day. For awhile, I forgot my suffering."

He had prayed hard for Pacquiao and did not line up for relief goods Sunday just so he could watch the fight.

"It will give us hope here in

Tacloban, and in Leyte and Samar," he said, referring to the two islands that suffered the worst of the typhoon.

Even those who could not watch the fight seemed to feel uplifted.

In Palo town, outside of Tacloban, many people could not even listen to the clash on the radio due to the lack of electricity. Resident Neil Lagumbay, 38, said he heard about the fight's results from a neighbour.

"Of course, I'm very happy that Manny won although I expected a knock out," he told AFP.

"It will boost the morale of the people here."

Haiyan was just the latest in a series of calamities to hit the Philippines this year. In October, a 7.1-magnitude quake left over 200 dead and tens of thousands displaced, while a bloody, three-week long siege in a southern city by Muslim rebels in September left at least 244 dead with over 100,000 homeless.

Pacquiao, 34, a former champion in an unprecedented eight weight divisions, had sought to redeem himself against Rios in Macau after losing his last two fights.

The boxer, who has parlayed his sports fame into election to Congress and a fortune in commercial endorsements, had previously vowed not to let his countrymen down.

"This is not about my comeback," he said in the ring immediately after the verdict Sunday.

"This is about my people's comeback from a natural disaster and a natural tragedy."

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Llorente, Tevez send Juve top

MILAN (AFP) - Second-half strikes from Fernando Llorente and Carlos Tevez secured a 2-0 win away to Livorno on Sunday to send champions Juventus top of Italy's Serie A for the first time this season.

Elsewhere, Lazio escaped with a 1-1 draw away to 10-man Sampdoria while Fiorentina's hopes of challenging for a place in Europe next season were dented by a 1-0 defeat away to dominant Udinese.

Juventus, with whom goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon made his 500th Serie A appearance, now have a two-point cushion on overnight leaders Roma ahead of the capital side's home game

against struggling Cagliari on Monday.

Llorente, who also set up Tevez's strike, said: "We have to take it a game at a time but, for sure, overtaking Roma can add a little pressure to them.

"But we have to keep on winning, concentrate on our own jobs and continue doing what the coach asks us to do."

Napoli, stunned 1-0 at home by Parma on Saturday, are now six points off the pace in third but stayed ahead of fourth-placed Inter after the Nerazzurri were held to a 1-1 draw away to Bologna.

Although Roma could regain top spot with a win on Monday, results elsewhere would be welcomed by Juventus, who host FC Copenhagen on Wednesday in a Champions League clash they must at least draw if they

harbour any hopes of qualifying from Group B.

Fiorentina, meanwhile, were dominated throughout a 1-0 defeat away to Udinese that left 'La Viola' with their third defeat of the campaign, but still in fifth place.

Coach Vincenzo Montella said: "We just couldn't get going in the second half. We were far too frenetic."

Struggling Sampdoria suffered a blow early in the second half when Nenad Krsticic saw red for a challenge on Cristian Ledesma.

But with new coach Sinisa Mihajlovic in charge, the hosts rallied and substitute Roberto Soriano headed Samp into a shock 67th minute lead, only for Lorik Cana to produce a fine individual effort to level at the death.

Bulls' Rose facing knee surgery

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose will need surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee and will be sidelined indefinitely, the NBA team said.

The Bulls had been anxiously awaiting the results of medical tests after Rose was hurt in Friday's 98-95 loss at Portland on Friday night.

"Subsequent examinations and an MRI confirmed a medial meniscus tear to his right knee, which will require surgery," the Bulls said in a statement on their official Twitter feed.

"Rose is out indefinitely, and will not accompany the team on the rest of its current road trip."

It's heartbreaking news for Rose, the 2011 NBA Most

Valuable Player who missed all of last season following surgery on a torn ligament in his left knee.

Rose tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in a playoff game on April 28 of 2012 and didn't play again until the opening night of this season.

Rose was averaging 15.4 points and 4.4 assists per game going into Friday's contest, but was shooting just 36 percent from the floor.

He showed flashes of his former MVP form on Friday, but late in the third quarter, when a pass from team-mate Joakim Noah was picked off by Nicolas Batum, Rose stepped awkwardly as he tried to get back on defense and hyper-extended his right knee.



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Pacquiao victory lifts spirits of typhoon-ravaged Philippines



Pacquiao celebrates winning against Rios of the U.S.

TACLOBAN (AFP) - The storm-battered Philippines was celebrating a much-needed victory Sunday after national boxing hero Manny Pacquiao defeated American Brandon Rios in a comeback fight he dedicated to victims

of Super Typhoon Haiyan.

The three ringside judges scored the fight 120-108, 119-109 and 118-110 as Pacquiao handed out a lesson in clinical boxing to his less-experienced American opponent before a sold-out 13,200

audience packed with Filipinos at Macau's Cotai Arena.

For a brief moment in the devastated city of Tacloban, those who lost their homes, their livelihoods and even loved ones in the storm forgot their misery as they watched a free, live broadcast of Pacquiao's overwhelming points victory over Rios in Macau.

"I'm so happy that he won. This is a win for all Filipinos. It will surely uplift our spirits, especially the victims of typhoon (Haiyan)," said Mario Penaflor, 41, amid the joyful crowds in Tacloban.

Such was the elation that army chief Lieutenant General Noel Coballes said special military honours may be extended to Pacquiao, a reserve lieutenant colonel in the army, for his latest victory.

"We will see what we can give him when he arrives," Coballes said.

"He brought joy to the Filipinos especially during this time of crisis," the general added.



Survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan watch a live broadcast of the match between Pacquiao and Rios in Tacloban

President Benigno Aquino's spokesman, Herminio Coloma congratulated Pacquiao, saying: "Just like Manny, we will triumph over our current problems by working together... In the face of a tough fight, he has displayed the strength and the character of the Filipino."

Super Typhoon Haiyan has

left almost 7,000 dead and missing after its rampage through the central Philippines earlier this month.

The World Boxing Organisation (WBO) International welterweight title clash was broadcast in four public areas in Tacloban to lift the spirits of residents who suffered the brunt of Haiyan's fury.

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